

MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Stone Hook Timber Sale #30-074473 and attached Forest Practice Application No. 2409472; a four unit proposal comprised of 144 acres of even-aged regeneration harvest of 2,821 MBF with 2,237 feet of optional construction, 1,981 feet of abandonment, if built, and 3,532 feet of optional reconstruction, 2,983 feet of required pre-haul maintenance, and two gate and lock box installations.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls – this proposal is not in designated Dispersal Habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl and there are no documented owl circles in this area, PR 14-004-120,

Marbled Murrelet – this proposal is within the South Puget Planning Unit, which does not have a Marbled Murrelet Reclassified Habitat Model. The proposed sale is not within or adjacent to any marbled murrelet occupied or presence detections. However, during preliminary fieldwork for this activity, a polygon containing “suitable marbled murrelet habitat” was delineated north of the Unit 4 boundary. This polygon was then buffered at least 300 feet from the northern and eastern boundaries of Unit 4. PR 14-004-320,

RMZ and Wetland - all streams and wetlands adjacent to the sale meet or exceed HCP required buffers; Type 3 streams are protected with an average buffer width of 155 feet, Type 4 streams are buffered an average width of 100 feet, Type 5 streams are buffered an average of 25 feet, a Type A wetland is buffered with an average width of 155 feet, and a Type B wetland with an average buffer width of 100 feet. No harvest activities will take place within the RMZ's and WMZ's, PR 14-004-210 & PR 14-004-10,

Slope Stability - sale boundaries were located away from features of instability; there were no other areas found within the sale units that were potentially unstable, PR 14-004-050,

Retention Trees - leave trees were retained at a rate of 8 trees per acre. All leave trees were selected from the dominant diameter class of conifers that appear most wind-firm and having potential for providing wildlife use. A snag known to be used by wildlife in Unit 4 was protected by marked leave trees within the height and a half of the snag, PR 14-004-210,

Roads - includes road construction, reconstruction, pre-haul maintenance, and abandonment;

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The proposal is located in parts of Sections 3, 4, 7, 9, and 18 Township 22 North, Range 2 West, W.M. The haul route is in Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 18 Township 22 North, Range 2 West, W.M., and Sections 33 and 34 of Township 23 North, Range 2 West, W.M. approximately 8 miles by road northwest of Belfair. See the attached Forest Practices Application.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

☒ **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from October 28, 2003. Comments must be submitted by November 12, 2003.**

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